

**Remarks**

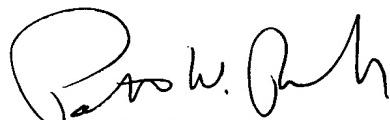
The Office Action dated November 12, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 17-23 are now pending and allowed in this application. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-10 were directed to a non-elected invention, and were withdrawn from consideration after imposition of a Restriction Requirement, which was made final in the Office Action dated November 12, 2003. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled. Therefore, all pending claims in this application have been allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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